

Titans pounce on Jackrabbits for 48-0 win

By Bonnie Holm

It was the last home game for Triplains-Brewster senior Seth Smith, played on a clear, cool October Friday night in Winona against the visiting Greeley County Jackrabbits.

Smith will remember this game with pride, as he and his teammates held the 'Rabbits scoreless, ending the game in the third quarter with a crushing 48-0 victory.

Triplains-Brewster (4-3 record) opened the game by receiving the kickoff, and with only 60 seconds ticked off the clock, scored on a run by quarterback Ryan Gfeller to give the Titans a 6-0 start.

The 'Rabbits fumbled on their first play from scrimmage, and Gfeller again crossed the goal line for a Titan touchdown.

With the home team in complete control, Titans' running back Nathan Jorgensen charged to the third touchdown of this evening.

The Titans were unable to convert on the extra point attempt, but led 18-0.

Tony Aguilar stepped up on defense and broke thru the visitors' offensive line to nab the quarter-

back in the backfield. Sacking the quarterback again were Smith, Skyler Hansen, and Rook Shaw.

The 'Rabbits (2-5 record) started moving the ball down the field, but the defense of the Titans held and Greeley County was forced to turn the ball over after an unsuccessful fourth-down attempt.

Rogge caught a pass from Gfeller on the one-yard line for first and goal, and on the next play, Jace Jorgensen ran up the middle for a Titan touchdown.

Justin Schmidt caught a pass from Gfeller to successfully convert two points, giving the Titans a 26-0 lead with 1:26 left in the first half.

The second half began with Greeley County in control of the ball, but Taylor Stramel tipped a pitchout by the quarterback, caught the ball, and ran into the end zone for another six points.

Gfeller converted on the extra point attempt, and the Titans' lead increased to 34-0.

Justin Culwell, Nathan Jorgensen and Smith held the 'Rabbits to no gain on offense, and with their confidence shaken, the Greeley County quarterback mis-



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Triplains-Brewster cheerleaders helped the fans stay fired up during a chilly football Friday earlier this season. The Titans rewarded their faithful with a big win over Greeley County last weekend.

handled a bad snap, which was recovered by the Titans on the Jackrabbits' nine-yard line.

Gfeller threw the ball to Na-

than Jorgensen for a touchdown, and Gfeller again ran in the extra points. C.J. Felzien and Smith dominated on the next Jackrabbits

offensive play, and Greeley County was forced to punt. The Titans ran a double reverse with Jace Jorgensen speeding into the end zone

for the final touchdown.

Gfeller completed five of eight attempts for 37 yards passing and rushed for 68 yards.

Leading rusher for the Titans was Nathan Jorgensen with 88 yards and two touchdowns, followed by younger brother Jace with 73 yards and two TDs.

Coleton Rogge caught two passes for 19 yards, Nathan Jorgensen had two receptions for 15 yards and Justin Schmidt had one for three yards.

On defense, Nathan Jorgensen had 10 tackles with Smith and Skylor Hansen making six each. Taylor Stramel added five stops followed by Culwell (four) and Gfeller (three) Rogge, Jace Jorgensen, Felzien, Shaw, and Aguilar had two each.

The Titans racked up 279 total offensive yards, while holding the Jackrabbits to just 90 yards.

Next action for the Titans will be at 7 p.m. on Friday in Brewster as they take on the visiting Heartland Christian Crusaders (4-3 record).

Heartland lost a 56-50 thriller at Natoma Friday evening, but still has post-season playoff hopes.

Sophs highlight Eagles' state golf

The great state fan gallery saw Colby High's Miranda Kern play like a 4A medalist for 17 of 18 holes at Pittsburg on Monday.

Expect 18 superb holes next season if all goes according to the Eagles' plans.

"One positive from state for sure is that our two best scores were posted by sophomores who have two more shots to get down there and medal," coach Rick Williams said.

Regional champion Kern finished just three strokes behind the top 20 medalists with her round of 100 (47-53/27th place).

Only a dreaded "nine" on hole 13 hurt Kern's medal quest.,

"She bladed a chip in the water, had to drop in a tough spot and finished with a three-putt," Williams said.

Meanwhile, classmate Elissa Zerr achieved a goal that often eludes even the best pro athletes: playing best when it counts most.

"Elissa had a great day. She posted the best score (59-52-111) of her career," Williams reported.

"In fact, her scores at league, regionals and state were her three best of the year."

Seniors Andrea Barton (54-60-114), Haley Mengel (68-55-123) and junior Kelly Sloan (66-67-133) completed the Eagles' 448 team total.

Sophomore Jenna Crampton

also competed and needed 12 fewer strokes to finish her final nine holes (76-64-140).

However, the Eagles were clearly aiming for more than a 12th-place team finish.

"We put it all together at regionals to qualify, but were not able to repeat that on performance on a very tough (Crestview Country Club) course at state," Williams explained. "Haley and Andrea did not have the front nine scores they wanted and had trouble recovering. I know they were disappointed, but they have meant a ton to this program. Their careers won't be defined by this one round of golf."

The top five teams, individuals and how other area qualifiers played at Monday's 4A state golf tournament in Pittsburg:

Top five teams: 1. Topeka Hayden 374, 2. Goodland 388, 3. Buhler 391, 4. Winfield 403, 5. Kansas City Piper 406.

Top five medalists: 1. Taryn Torgerson, Buhler, 42-36-78; 2. Anna Pool, Coffeyville, 37-42-79; 3. Timbrelee McNair, Girard, 38-43-81; 4. Kyrstie Miller, Holton, 39-46-85; 5. Erica Gartner, Labette County, 46-40-86.

Goodland scores: 11. Paulina Wagner 48-43-91; 17. Katie Hays 50-46-96; 24. Emily Purvis 55-44-99; 31. Logan Perryman 51-51-102; Braelyn Holting 57-59-116.



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Colby High senior Haley Mengel worked on her chipping in breezy conditions while preparing for the 4A state tournament.

Trick or Treat rolls into Meadow Lakes

A Trick or Treat golf tournament to benefit the Colby Community College golf program is set for Saturday at Meadow Lakes Golf Course.

The nine-hole, four-person scramble has a 1 p.m. tee time after registration from noon to 12:45 p.m.

There will be food, prizes, a raffle and small auction all along

with trick or treats galore. The entry fee is \$140 per team with donations also accepted. They can be sent to Colby Community College golf at 1255 S. Range in Colby, 67701.

Call 460-5514 or 460-6443 to register a team, while rental carts can be reserved by calling 460-6443.

Carts are limited.

Area sports schedule

Thursday 4/5:30 p.m.; Wheatland-Grinnell College volleyball: Barton at Heartland, 4 p.m.
Friday Football: Clay Center at Colby, 7 p.m.
Colby, 6:30 p.m.
Junior high volleyball/football: Cheylin at Triplains-Brewster,

Colby football team wins playoff contest

The Colby Little League Football Association sixth graders are a Final Four team after beating Great Bend Red, 19-14, in Saturday's Western Kansas League playoffs.

Both teams brought 4-1 league records into this showdown, but only Colby continues on to Fort Hays State University's Lewis Field for a Saturday semifinal game (5 p.m. kickoff).

Unbeaten regular-season champ Great Bend Black (6-0) record will be the Eagles' next challenge. Great Bend Black blasted Burlington, Colo., 36-0, on Sunday.

The winner advances into Sunday's 6 p.m. championship game which also decides a state tournament spot. Whoever falls short Saturday night will play a Sunday noon third-place game.

McPherson I and the Hays Gamblers collide in Saturday's other sixth-grade semifinal (6:30 p.m.). Both dominated their opponents last weekend as McPherson (5-1 record) routed Hoisington, 27-6, and Hays (5-1) knocked out Norton, 47-0.

The other Colby Little League Football Association teams finished their seasons last weekend.

Colby's fifth-graders lost a tough 8-6 battle to No.2-seed Phillipsburg.

Ironically, the Panthers also edged Colby 8-6 during their regular-season contest.

Meanwhile, Colby third and fourth-graders fell 23-0 to the Hays Gamblers but still finished with a winning record of 4-3 this season.

Picker wrong yet again

Though he accurately picked Kansas City to be 7-0 and the Denver Broncos' defeat, *Free Press* guesser R.B. Headley lost more ground in his season-long college football challenge.

Florida State's 51-14 clobbering of Clemson did inspire one wise forecast from Round Belly.

"I will not paint myself orange for Halloween this year," Ramblin Blaberer said in disgust about the orange-clad Clemson Tigers.

"How embarrassing that it would be. I'll just keep proudly wearing my Minnesota Yike!-ing colors."

Rarely Brilliant did break even this week at 5-5 for a 77-23 mark overall this college season. However, Associated Press college football guru Ralph Russo picked seven of those same 10 games correctly.

Russo's record now stands at 84-16 for a commanding seven-game lead.



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